

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 6 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE2005/000270 without prejudice.

Please add new claims as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (new): A pump comprising:

 a flow-control valve device including a piston displaceably accommodated within a piston bore, the piston bore having at least one inflow channel and at least one outflow channel, and the piston having an axial inflow orifice and a plurality of radial, lateral outflow orifices and a circumferential outflow groove disposed between a first collar and a second collar, the second collar forming a control edge for an outflowing fluid flow,

 the axial inflow orifice extending cylindrically at least to a beginning of the radial, lateral outflow orifices, and the circumferential outflow groove expanding in terms of a radial depth on an outer circumference of the piston towards the control edge.

Claim 8 (new): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the outflow groove expands in a conical form on a piston side and, as the result of a radially, inwardly directed arc, subsequently reaches a greatest depth in a region of the control edge.

Claim 9 (new): The pump as recited in claim 8 wherein diameters of the radial outflow orifices extend from the axial, cylindrical inflow orifice into the radially, inwardly directed arc in the control edge region.

Claim 10 (new): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the piston includes a third collar.

Claim 11 (new): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the first and second collars have circumferential pressure-equalization grooves.

Claim 12 (new): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the piston includes a pressure-relief pilot valve.

Claim 13 (new): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the pump is a power-steering pump.